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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analytical testing feeder device comprising:

a storage portion that configured to store a plurality of analytical testing elements;
a transporting member provided with at least one loading portion configured so
that wherein an analytical testing element taken out from the storage portion is loaded in
the loading portion, the transporting member configured to transport transporting
analytical testing elements one by one; and

a movable member attached to the storage portion;
wherein the storage portion includes a plurality of storage spaces disposed in the
storage portion, each storage space configured to store storing a plurality of analytical
testing elements[[,]];
a movable member attached to the storage portion, the movable member includes
an at least one lift portion pivotable relative to the storage space;

wherein each of the storage spaces is selectively brought into a state in which the analytical testing elements are taken out from the storage space and a state in which the analytical testing elements are not taken out from the storage space,

wherein the movable member is configured so that the state in which the analytical testing elements are not taken out from the storage space is achieved by causing the movable member lift portion to lift the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space so that the analytical testing elements do not come into contact with the transporting member.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1,
wherein in the state in which configured so that when the analytical testing elements are

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taken out from the storage space, at least some of the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space are brought into contact with the transporting member.

5. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1, wherein the transporting member comprises a rotating member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 5, ~~wherein the movable member includes at least one lift portion pivotable relative to the storage space, and~~

~~wherein the rotating member includes a recess that receives said at least one the lift portion.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 7, wherein the lift portion is configured to be out of contact with the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space when the lift portion is received in the recess, and ~~wherein the lift portion, when not received in the recess, lifts is configured to lift~~ the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space so that the analytical testing elements are out of contact with the rotating member.

9. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 8, wherein the movable member is configured to pivot freely ~~pivotable~~ relative to the storage portion so that the lift portion of the movable member comes into contact with the rotating member by gravity.

10. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 8, wherein the recess is configured to receive the lift portion in a manner such that the lift portion is positioned closer to a center of the rotating member than a circumferential surface of the rotating member.

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11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 9, wherein the plurality of storage spaces include a first storage space and a second storage space, and

wherein said at least one loading portion includes a first loading portion that loads the analytical testing elements stored in the first storage space, and a second loading portion that loads the analytical testing elements stored in the second storage space.

13. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 12, wherein the first storage space and the second storage space are separated by a partition member disposed in the storage portion, and

wherein the movable member is supported by the partition member.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 12, wherein the rotating member is rotatable in both a forward direction and a reverse direction, and

wherein the ~~test tool feeder~~ analytical testing feeder device further comprises a rotation controller that controls a rotation direction and a rotation angle of the rotating member to control the movable range of the first and the second loading portions.

16. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 15, wherein the rotation controller is configured to control the rotation direction and the rotation angle of the rotating member in a first movable range in which the lift portion is held in contact with a circumferential surface of the rotating member or in a second movable range in which the lift portion is received in the recess,

wherein, in the first movable range, analytical testing elements are not taken out from the first storage space while analytical testing elements are taken out from the second storage space,

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wherein, in the second movable range, analytical testing elements are taken out from the first storage space while analytical testing elements are not taken out from the second storage space.

17. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of storage spaces include a first storage space and a second storage space, and

wherein said at least one lift portion includes a first lift portion that lifts the plurality of analytical testing elements stored in the first storage space and a second lift portion that lifts the plurality of analytical testing elements stored in the second storage space.

18. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 17, further comprising an actuator that causes the first and the second lift portions to pivot.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1, wherein the transporting member comprises a movable block that transports the analytical testing elements horizontally.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 20, ~~wherein the movable member includes a pivotable lift portion, and~~
wherein the transporting member includes a recess that receives the lift portion.

23. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 22, ~~wherein the lift portion is received in the recess so that the lift portion is out of contact with the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space when the lift portion is received in the recess, and~~

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wherein the lift portion, when is not received in the recess[[,]] so that the lift portion lifts the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space so that the analytical testing elements are out of contact with the transporting member.

24. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing feeder device according to claim 23, wherein the recess is configured to receive the lift portion in a manner such that the lift portion is positioned lower than an upper surface of the transporting member.

25-29. (Canceled)